GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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OUSTESS OF KAIGA NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has urgedthe Union Government to release Rs. 2 crore for theacquisition of land for the oustees of Kaiga Nuclear Power Project;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c) Request has been made by the State Government ofKarnataka for release of Rs.2 crore towards landacquisition proceedings in Devkar Village. Out ofthe two hamlets of Devkar Village in Kaiga, thehamlet falling within the exclusion zone of Kaiga Atomic Power Project, was acquired by the Government of India and the rehabilitation process was completed in 1993-94 by the Karnataka Government, with the funds provided by the Nuclear Power Corporation of IndiaLimited (NPCIL).The second hamlet is beyond the acquisition zone of Kaiga Atomic Power Project. The Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., (KPCL) has acquired all the land which is submerged consequent to the construction of Kadra Dam, but in regard to the secondhamlet of Devakar, the original road access is no more available due to water logging and the public have to use boats. In a meeting held on 11th November, 1997 under the Chairmanship of the then Chief Minister of Karnataka, it was proposed that NPCIL contribute Rs.2 crore for acquisition of this area and rehabilitation of the villagers and that KPCL would undertake the responsibility of implementation of the rehabilitation package. NPCILhas agreed to contribute Rs.2 crore for acquisition and rehabilitation as a gesture of good will and as a special case even though it is not connected with the Atomic Power Project.